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On 18 January 1954                      there was air activity at Koethen airfield throughout the day up to about 10 p.m. On the morning of 19 January, no flights were made. The weather was cold and fair. Between 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. on 21 January, no activity was conducted at the field. The hangars were closed. About 12:45 p.m., four MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s practiced flying in a formation over the town.                      the aircraft were stationed at another airfield as they were not seen landing and because no radio truck had been observed parked at the runway while passing along the field. Later on, 7 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s,                      were observed parked in front of hangar No 3. Between noon and 1:30 p.m. on 22 January, there was no air activity, but 11 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s                      were parked in front of the hangars. The sky was overcast and visibility was good. Foxholes, about 1.5 meters deep and 20 meters apart, were excavated along the fence along the highway to Basdorf.                     

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Comment. Koethen airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment. During a test alert, when all the aircraft were towed out of the hangars into the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments, a total of 28 MiG-15s were observed at the field.                     

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